

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

### **Working Session**

**Minutes of April 2, 2008**

Chairman McArdle called the meeting to order at 5:05PM. Board members present in addition to Chairman McArdle were Richard Gandt, Steve Clark, Richard Carlson and Boyd Jackson. Of the Selectmen's staff, Town Administrator Virginia Wilder, and Board Secretary Donna Rich, were in attendance.

Chairman McArdle began with the Warrant for the 2008 Special Town Meeting. Selectman Clark made a motion to approve the Special Town Meeting Warrant as written, if there are any grammatical or typographical errors Ms. Wilder, Town Administrator has the authority to correct those, seconded by Selectman Carlson; so voted 5-0.

Article Twenty-Seventh: Selectman Clark made a suggestion to lower the amounts to

First Violation: Warning

Second Violation: \$75.00

Third Violation: \$150

Article Twenty-Eight: Selectman Clark made a motion to remove "any duly appointed Agent of the Board of Water Commissioners" as stated in the Penalties section and to replace it to read: "or the Water Superintendent", seconded by Selectman Jackson; so voted: 4-1.

Also to accept the change to the Severability portion of the Water Use Restriction Bylaw to read: If any portion or provision of this bylaw is deemed invalid, the remaining portions and provisions shall remain binding.

Article Forty-Eight: Selectman Clark discussed the possibility of a motion being presented at the Town Meeting stating that the Board of Selectmen should appoint a Litter Study Committee to research the litter issue in Topsfield and report to the citizens at next year's town meeting. It was agreed that a request would be made to the Finance Committee to reconsider its "no action" recommendation and move to have a committee formed, per Selectman Clark's recommendation.

Ballot Question: It was decided that the word "Should" should be used and not "shall".

Selectman Clark voted to approve the Warrant for the 2008 Annual Town Meeting as written with the exception of grammatical or typographical errors or perfecting language, seconded by Selectman Carlson; so voted 5-0.

At 6:26 PM, Selectman Carlson motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss the Dispatch Union negotiations, Selectman Gandt seconded the motion. A yes vote was recorded for Selectman Jackson, Selectman Carlson, Selectman Gandt, Selectman Clark and Chairman McArdle. The Board would not return to regular session. Virginia Wilder and Donna Rich were present also.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Rich, Secretary  
Selectmen's Office

*Approved as written at the April 14, 2008 Board of Selectmen's meeting.*